ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to a method and system for synchronizing the replay of a pre-recorded program between a plurality of playback devices utilizing closed-caption data. The internal block of the playback devices are synchronized. Upon receiving program content signals including a series of frames and a string of closed-caption (CC) characters, the string of CC characters is sampled at a predetermined sampling interval, and the sequence of sampled CC characters and the corresponding frame are stored according to a predetermined format in a memory. Thereafter, in response to a user's request, the desired program content signals responsive to the user's request are retrieved from the respective memory of playback devices and displayed for viewing.